

(U₃O₈). AMD has intensified uranium exploration activities in potential areas by way of increased inputs in Airborne and Ground Geophysical surveys, detailed surveys and drilling. As a result of these efforts, it is envisaged the situation will progressively improve in the XI Plan.

Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a public sector undertaking under the DAE besides operating four mines at Jaduguda, Bhatin, Narwapahar and Turamdih, has taken up development of three new mines at Banduhurang, Bagjata and Mohuldih and is setting up a Processing Plant at Turamdih in Singhbhum (East) Jharkhand. Pre-project activities have been started for taking up projects at Tummalapalle and Lambapur-Peddagattu in Andhra Pradesh, Mawthabah in Meghalaya and Gogi in Karnataka.

Uranium Exploration

3039. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are stepping up the Uranium exploration and mining; and

(b) if so, whether foreign private companies are being delegated to do this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, some of the activities may be outsourced to them.

Enhancement of Nuclear Power Generation

3040. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to enhance power generation in the country through nuclear power;

(b) how far India stand *vis-a-vis* other Asian countries as far as total power generation in the nuclear field is concerned;